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1. SUMMARY: IN SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I, AUGUST 26, THE REPORT OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE IPC WAS PRESENTED BY CHAIRMAN HUSLID OF NORWAY, WHO MADE SOME PERSONAL COMMENTS CALLING FOR FURTHER PROGRESS ON COMMODITY NEGOTIATIONS AND SUGGESTING THAT UNCTAD REQUIRES ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO SURMOUNT ITS PROBLEMS IN PROVIDING TIMELY DOCUMENTATION. PERU AND MEXICO SUGGESTED THAT THIS TDB PASS A RESOLUTION EXHORTING GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE MORE RAPID PROGRESS ON COMMODITY NEGOTIATIONS, BUT WERE REBUTTED BY COLOMBIA WHICH REITERATED ITS UNCTAD IV RESERVATIONS AND ANNOUNCED PLANS TO ESTABLISH A FUND TO FINANCE A COFFEE BUFFER STOCK. OTHER STATEMENTS WERE MADE BY EAST GERMANY,
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YUGOSLAVIA, CHINA, ROMANIA AND INDONESIA. GROUP BE MADE STATEMENT RESPONDING TO LATIN AMERICAN REQUEST FOR UNCTAD TO DO STUDY ON SEABED ASPECTS OF LOS NEGOTIATIONS, WHICH WAS NOT FULLY ACCEPTABLE TO LATINS. USDEL HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THREE MEMBERS OF UNCTAD SECRETARIAT PLAN TO VISIT WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS COMMON FUND WITH UNDER SECRETARY COOPER ON SEPTEMBER 9. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMODITIES - WHEN REPORT OF AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE ON IPC WAS PRESENTED TO SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I ON AGUSUT 26, DELEGATES FROM MEXCIO (BARONA CHAMBON) AND PERU (ARIAS-SCHREIBER) EXPRESSED REGRET THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES AND A COMMON FUND HAVE NOT PROGRESSED MORE RAPIDLY IN KEEPING WITH TIMETABLE AGREED TO AT UNCTAD IV BECAUSE OF "PROCRASTINATION" BY CERTAIN COUNTRIES. THEY SUGGESTED THAT A RESOLUTION BE PASSED BY THIS TDB "EXHORTING" GOVERNMENTS TO PARTICIPATE MORE ACTIVELY IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS IN THE COMMON FUND AND COMMODITY NEGOTIATIONS.

3. THE COLOMBIAN DELEGATE (PALACIO RUDAS) EFFECTIVELY REBUTTED THE MEXICAN AND PERUVIAN STATEMENTS BY POINTING OUT THAT TO MAKE REAL PROGRESS IN COMMODITY NEGOTIATIONS TAKES TIME AND THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD THEREFORE FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR AGREEMENTS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES, INSTEAD OF EXPRESSING REGRET AT THE SLOW PACE OF PROGRESS UNDER THE IPC. REMINDING DELEGATES THAT COLOMBIA EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ON THE IPC AT NAIROBI AND OBJECTED TO INCLUSION IN THE IPC OF COMMODITIES ALREADY SUBJECT TO SPECIFIC AGREEMENTS, PALACIO RDUAS CONFIRMED THAT COLOMBIA, VENEZUELA, COSTA RICA, PANAMA, JAMAICA AND MEXICO HAVE AGREED TO SET UP A FUND TO ESTABLISH A COFFEE BUFFER STOCK, AS PROPOSED BY MEXICO, IN ORDER TO STABLIZE PRICES.

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4. CHAIRMAN OF AD HOC COMMITTEE (HUSLID OF NORWAY) IN PRESENTING REPORT OF THIRD AHC SOUGHT TO GIVE BALANCED VIEW OF G-77 AND GROUP B POSITIONS BEHIND EVENTUAL COMPROMISE RESOLUTION. SEVERAL STATEMENTS ON HIS BEHALF WERE OF MORE CONCERN TO USDEL, ESPECIALLY 1) THE REAFFIRMATION OF HIS PREVIOUS STATEMENT THAT AHC SHOULD REVIEW PROGRESS ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES AND SUGGEST WAYS OF OVERCOMING MAIN STUBLING-BLOCS AND 2) THAT THE IPC STANDS AS A TEST CASE IN NORTH/SOUTH RELATIONS, "A TEST CASE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S WILL AND ABILITY TO BRING ABOUT A CERTAIN DEGREE OF STABILITY, ORDER AND JUSTICE IN AN IMPORTANT SPHERE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS." THE LATTER POINT IN PARTICULAR WAS PICKED UP IN COMMENTS BY OTHER DELS. HUSLID ALSO STATED THAT "THE FUND IS INTENDED TO FACILITATE AND FURTHER THE NEGOTIATIONS ON THE DIFFERENT COMMODITIES" WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THAT THE FUND CANNOT BE OPERATIVE WITHOUT CONCRETE COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS. ON THE NOW FAVORITE THEME OF DOCUMENTATION, HIS OWN VIEW IS THAT THE SECRETARIAT HAS SIMPLY NOT BEEN GIVEN THE NECESSARY RESOURCES IN THE UN SYSTEM TO CARRY OUT ITS FUNCTIONS IN THE IPC.

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5. OTHER STATEMENTS ON COMMODITIES WERE MADE BY
YUGOSLAVIA (AS SPOKESMAN FOR THE G-77), EAST GERMANY (AS
GROUP D SPOKESMAN), CHINA, ROMANIA AND INDONESIA.
AMBASSADOR ALATAS OF INDONESIA, WHO SERVED AS G-77
SPOKEMAN DURING COMMON FUND CONFERENCE, SAID IT IS CLEAR
IN THE WAKE OF CIEC THAT AGREEMENTS ON A COMMON FUND AND
ON INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE IPC
ARE ESSENTIAL IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A CONSTRUCTIVE
NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. ON BEHALF OF ALL SOUTH EAST ASIAN
COUNTRIES, ALATAS EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE THESE COUNTRIES
PLACE ON CONCLUDING AGREEMENTS ON COMMODITIES OF INTEREST
TO ALL LDCS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE IPC. WHILE AGREEING
WITH MEXICO AND PERU THAT DOCUMENTATION AND LOGISTICS
PROBLEMS ARE NOT REPEAT NOT THE REASON FOR SLOW PROGRESS IN
COMMIDITES NEGOTIATIONS, ALATAS SAID HE ALSO AGREED WITH
HUSLID THAT UNCTAD NEEDS ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO CARRY OUT
ITS TAKS UNDER THE IPC. HE SUGGESTED THAT AT THIS TDB WE
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DISCUSS UNCTAD'S BUDGETARY PROBLEMS AND ITS NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, AND ENSURE THAT FOLLOW-UP ACTION IS TAKEN BY THE FIFTH COMMITTEE OF THE 32ND UNGA.

6. EAST GERMANY SAID THAT GROUP D WOULD NOT BE BOUND BY PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 8 OF THE RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, SINCE THIS WORDING HAD BEEN AGREED TO AT CIEC. (AMBASSADOR ALATAS, HOWEVER, ASKED FOR A CLARIFICATION OF THIS POINT, SINCE THE LANGUAGE IN THESE PARAGRAPHS HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS AT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE, IN WHICH GROUP D PARTICIPATED.)

7. YUGOSLAVIA EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT SOME COUNTRIES AT THE NOVEMBER COMMON FUND CONFERENCE WOULD NOT PRESENT ALTERNATIVE VERSIONS OF A COMMON FUND WHICH VIOLATED THE PRINCIPLES ALREADY AGREED TO AT UNCTAD IV. ROMANIA JOINED OTHER SPEAKERS WHO REGRETTED LACK OF PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE IPC AND SUGGESTED THAT CONSULTATIONS SHOULD BE ORGANIZED AMONG GROUPS BEFORE RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS ON A COMMON FUND. CHINA PREDICABLY SAID THAT LACK OF PROGRESS IN THE IPC IS DUE TO THE TWO SUPERPOWERS WHO TRY TO MAINTAIN THE OLD ECONOMIC ORDER BY BRINGING UP LOTS OF TECHNICAL ISSUES AND CAUSING DELAYS.

8. SEABEDS - IN SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I, AUGUST 26, GROUP B MADE STATEMENT ALONG LINES DESCRIBED IN GENEVA 7291, WHICH INCLUDED THE ADDITIONAL POINTS THAT WE SHOULD NOT PREJUDGE THE RESULTS OF THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT WE FEEL THAT THE SECRETARIAT'S REPORT TO THE NEXT TDB SHOULD TAKE PARTICULAR ACCOUNT OF THE RESULTS OF THE FORTHCOMING SEVENTH CONFERENCE. THIS STATEMENT WAS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO PERU, COSTA RICA AND CHILE, WHO REPEATED THEIR REQUEST THAT THE SECRETARIAT PREPARE A STUDY WHICH WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT DEVELOPMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SINCE 1975 IN ASSESSING THE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF THE COMMERCIAL EXPLOITATION OF THE SEABEDS. THIS ITEM WAS LEFT OPEN FOR POSSIBLE REPLY FROM GROUP B ON AUGUST 29 AND USDEL WILL FOLLOW LINE INDICATED IN REFTEL UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE.

9. SECRETARIAT VISIT TO WASHINGTON - USDEL (BRUCE) HAS LEARNED THAT ALLISTER MCINTYRE, NEW DIRECTOR OF THE UNCTAD COMMODITIES DIVISION, ALONG WITH STAFF MEMBERS BREWSTER AND JOHN CUDDY, PLAN TO VISIT WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 9 TO DISCUSS THE COMMON FUND ISSUE WITH UNDER SECRETARY COOPER AND OTHER OFFICIALS. CUDDY UNDERSTAND THAT VISIT IS BEING ARRANGED BY MCINTYRE, WHO IS IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH COOPER. HE SAID, HOWEVER, HE WILL LET US KNOW IF THEY REQUIRE ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS IN

WASHINGTON.VANDEN HEUVEL

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